

VA Medical Center, Aspinwall Division,  
Garage (Building No. 31)  
5103 Delafield Avenue  
Aspinwall Vicinity  
Allegheny County  
Pennsylvania

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- Location: The Garage is located approximately 250 feet west of the of the end of the main access drive at the Aspinwall Division Medical Center. The Medical Center is located at 5103 Delafield Avenue, Aspinwall vicinity, O'Hara Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- Significance: Constructed ca. 1938, the Garage is associated with the Aspinwall Hospital complex, which was developed by the Veterans' Bureau (later the Veterans Administration) as part of a nationwide expansion of the Bureau's hospital facilities conducted between 1920 and 1947.
- Description: The Garage is a ten-bay automobile garage, measuring approximately 100 feet by 20 feet, constructed of structural tile block. The building has a shed roof. The southern or rear facade has a small two-over-two wood sash centered in each bay. The east facade and the posts defining the bays on the north facade have been stuccoed. The remaining two facades are exposed structural tile. The garage doors are single-acting doors decorated to give the appearance of multi-fold doors.
- History: In 1932, the lawn behind the Nurses Quarters (Building No. 8) was converted into a parking area paved with cinders. By 1938 the present Garage had been erected at the south end of this parking area. Originally the Garage was used by general hospital personnel, but by the 1950s the building was known as the Nurses Garage. The most substantial alteration to the building consists of the provision of a concrete floor, which replaced the original dirt floor.
- Sources: Veterans Administration Medical Center. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (1980).
- Twenty-fifth Anniversary: Veterans Administration Hospital, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1950).
- National Hospital Day at U.S. Veterans Administration Facility, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1945).
- Original architectural drawings on file at Engineering Services, VA Medical Center, Oakland Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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